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SUBJECT: U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO LATIN AMERICAN PROGRAM OF THE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN MIGRATION
(ICEM)

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1. THE CONSULATE GENERAL DISCUSSED THE SUBSTANCE OF THE REFTEL
WITH THE PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS.
HOME AFFAIRS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL IMMIGRATION MATTERS IN
BELIZE. WE FOUND THE FOLLOWING:

A. THE MINISTRY HAS NEVER HEARD OF ICEM.

B. THUS THE GOB HAD NEVER HAD ANY CONTACT WITH THE
COMMITTEE.

C. THE MINISTRY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT
THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE. BELIZE IS AN UNDERPOPULATED
COUNTRY, AND DESPERATELY NEEDS SKILLED PEOPLE.

2. OBVIOUSLY, BELIZE IS NOT IN A POSITION AT THIS TIME TO MAKE
ANY DECISIONS ABOUT ANY FUTURE PARTICIPATION IN ICEM. EVEN IN
THE UNLIKELY CASE BELIZE PETITIONED FOR MEMBERSHIP IT COULD NOT
MAKE MUCH, IF ANY, CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMITTEE'S OPERATIONS,
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GIVEN THE ALREADY HEAVY STRAIN ON ITS VERY LIMITED RESOURCES.

3. THE CONSULATE GENERAL WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION THE
DEPARTMENT COULD PROVIDE ABOUT ICEM TO PASS ALONG TO THE
MINISTRY. DRISCOLL

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